



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Dianne Tidwell
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Thursday, January 30, 2014

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Absent	
Diane Huddleston	Councilperson	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Absent	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Randy Gunter	City Attorney	Present	

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments for items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. The City Council may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.

Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council. There were no comments from the audience.

City Manager Gary Broz showed a clip of Houston's Channel 11 "Pay It Forward Program", in which a Liberty Police Officer personally assisted in replacing a child's stolen bicycle. Council expressed their appreciation to Officer Drew Ries for his compassion and his excellent representation of the Liberty Police Department.

City Secretary Dianne Tidwell reported that the City's General Election for Officers would be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Individuals wishing to sign up for a place on the ballot may do so from January 29 - February 28.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

1. Information Item (ID # 2923)

Project Updates - City Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the following City projects:

- 2007 TWDB Waste Water Upgrade - Phase I (plant improvements) Complete, Phase 2 (lift station, line replacement) Complete, and Phase 3 (addl. plant upgrade) Start Date-Feb. 3
- Boomerang Substation Upgrade - Substantially Complete
- Police Station - construction crews working, slab and walls up, July completion date
- Library AC Upgrade - 5 units installed and working, waiting on last one to be installed
- Street Project - Project bid with opening scheduled for February 27th
- Library Issues - Conduct Testing up to \$30,000
- CDBG Sewer Grant - Layl Subdivision - Substantially Complete
- CDBG Planning Grant - Planning meeting to be held in February
- Freese & Nichols Water Study - working on true cost and location for a water tower
- Downtown Lighting Grant - Resubmitting Grant
- Public Works Awning - Complete
- Round 1.1 Disaster Funds - Poles, Generators, & SCADA - Complete
- Airport T-Hangars - Complete
- Airport Hangar for Mechanic - leasing three hangars to mechanic, working on contract

2. Information Item (ID # 2924)

Financial Report, Dec. 2013- Finance Dir. N. Herrington

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Finance Director Naomi Herrington reported on the City's financials through December 31, 2013. Ms. Herrington reviewed the status of the various funds, to include discussion of revenues, expenditures and cash in bank for each. Ms. Herrington concluded by saying that the first property tax deposit received was \$315,000 and that sales tax revenues are on target with budgeted amounts.

3. Information Item (ID # 2925)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency's participation in the Mid-Continent Independent System Operator (MISO). MISO is an open-access transmission service and monitors high voltage transmission systems. Mr. Broz reported that SRMPA Executive Director Bruce Mintz has been working diligently to complete the switchover to a new power grid.

4. Information Item (ID # 2926)

Recycling Report - Councilperson Huddleston

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Huddleston reported that the "Shred-It" event will probably be held sometime during the month of May. Ms. Huddleston stated she will provide more details as they become available.

5. Information Item (ID # 2927)

Houston-Galveston Area Council - Councilperson Jordan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Jordan, member of the H-GAC, Gulf Coast Economic Development District, reported on revolving loans through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Jordan reported on 15-20 year loans for up to \$500,000, with a 4% interest rate and no repayment penalty. Mr. Jordan further detailed the City's need for a tanker truck for which a loan application will be submitted by January 31st. If approved, this will be a loan to the Liberty Community Development Corporation, at a cost of approximately \$493,000. Mr. Jordan further stated that a twenty year loan for this amount would cost approximately \$3600-\$3700 per month for a 100% loan.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session****1. Resolution 2014-2**

Consider a Resolution approving a new street project (approximately 4,700 linear feet) in an undeveloped area on the east side of the City off of the Highway 146 Bypass to be financed, in part, with funds provided by the Liberty Community Development Corporation, and approving a project funding agreement related thereto with the Corporation.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the Resolution approving the new street project as described, to be financed, in part, with funds provided by the Liberty Community Development Corporation. Mr. Broz stated that the Corporation will issue Sales Tax Revenue Bonds for the repayment of this debt and that a funding agreement will be executed between the City and the Corporation. Per the City's Bond Counsel, Mr. Broz reported that this Resolution will be read twice, the next reading will be at the meeting to be held on February 11th.

Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston read the caption of the Resolution into the record as follows:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW STREET PROJECT (APPROXIMATELY 4,700 LINEAR FEET) IN AN UNDEVELOPED AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CITY OFF OF THE HIGHWAY 146 BYPASS TO BE FINANCED, IN PART, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE LIBERTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND APPROVING A PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT RELATED THERETO WITH THE CORPORATION."

A motion was made to approve the Resolution approving the street project and funding agreement, upon the first reading.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	David Arnold, Councilperson
AYES:	Diane Huddleston, Dennis Beasley, Frank Jordan, David Arnold
NAYS:	Louie Potetz
ABSENT:	Carl Pickett, Libby Simonson

2. Council Action 2014-5

Consider approval of a lease agreement with Sjolander Aviation, for property at the Liberty Municipal Airport.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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B. Executive Session

1. Consultation with Attorney. Gov. Code §551.071 - Contemplated Litigation regarding the Humphreys Cultural Center.

2. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiation. Gov. Code §551.087 - Sjolander Aviation.

At 6:47 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:53 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2014-4

Consider and take action, if any, on the items as discussed in the Executive Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to authorize management to conduct additional forensic testing on the Humphreys Cultural Center, for a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Arnold
ABSENT:	Carl Pickett, Libby Simonson

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Huddleston adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary